REMARKS:

A Final Office Action was mailed on April 5, 2005. At the time of the Office Action, claims 1-16 and 21-23 were pending. Claims 15-16 were allowed, claims 2 and 10-14 were objected to, claims 21-23 were withdrawn from consideration, and claims 1 and 3-9 were rejected. The applicants filed an Amendment After Final on April 15, 2005. Pursuant to said Amendment, claims 1 and 9 were amended, and claim 10 was cancelled. Claims 1-9, 11-16 and 21-23 remained pending in the subject application. An Advisory Action was mailed May 5, 2005 indicating that the proposed Amendment would not be entered. However, the Examiner did indicate claims 9 and 11-16 would be allowable if submitted in a separate Amendment. In regards to claim 1, the Examiner indicated that the amendments would require a new search. The amendments pertaining to claims 1-9 and 11-16 are represented here so as to be formally entered and considered in the subject application.

The Examiner has maintained the withdrawal of claims 21-23 from further consideration. Although species I has been elected, the election requirement is still traversed. The Examiner is of the opinion that claim 21 does not encompass species I, whereas the undersigned has argued it does. Without agreeing with the Examiner that claim 21 as previously presented does not read on species I, claim 21 has been slightly modified to more clearly set forth that claim 21 is generic to all of the identified species. Claims 22 and 23 do not read on species I, but since they depend from claim 21, claims 22 and 23 will be entitled to consideration if generic claim 21 is allowed.

No new matter has been added by way of the remarks made herein. Allowance of all the pending claims is respectfully requested. In the event that there are any remaining issues that need to be addressed, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the number indicated below.

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